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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/631,236	BAKER ET AL.
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**Period for Reply**

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**Status**

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 November 2007.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**.                            2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) Claim(s) 3-7,9-13 and 16-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 3-7,9-13 and 16-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
  1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 7/31/03 (revised).
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Claims 3-7, 9-13 and 16-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Iwasa et al. (US 2002/0012786). Iwasa et al. disclose a porous resin film. The porosity of the film is 10% or more [0012]. The film is a mixture of hydrophilic and non-hydrophilic resin components. The film may have a base layer that may be up to 100 wt % thermoplastic resin [0014] and which may also be porous [0056]. The film is used in a recording medium which may be for ink jet printing [0061]. The hydrophilic thermoplastic resin may be polyvinyl alcohol [0018]. The film may be made porous using a foaming agent [0054]. Supports of materials such as polyester are disclosed [0060]. The reference states that optional additives may be added and gives examples at [0044]. While the examples do not include fluorosurfactants or crosslinker for the hydrophilic resin, these are conventional additives in the art of ink receptive media. Surfactants are known additives to aid in dispersion of components and cross-linkers increase water resistance of the medium when a hydrophilic binder is included. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to include conventional additives in conventional amounts for their well known purposes as set forth above.

2. Toda et al. (US 2005/0276935) is cited as directed to an ink jet recording medium having a porous water swellable layer. Toda et al. disclose crosslinking and inclusion of surfactants, as well as embodiments with multiple layers.

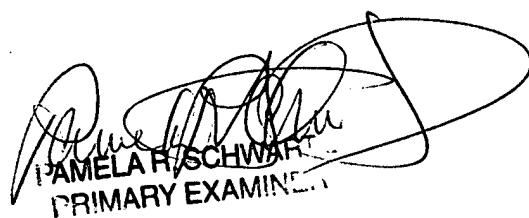
3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 3-7, 9-13 and 16-21 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. Prior rejections have been withdrawn in light of applicants' acceptable terminal disclaimers.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pamela Schwartz whose telephone number is (571) 272-1528.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Milton Cano, can be reached on (571) 272-1398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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